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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program Reconciliation Tool, OMB No. 0915-0342 - Extension

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA's ICR only after the 30 day comment period for this notice has closed.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].**

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email Lisa Wright-Solomon, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at paperwork@hrsa.gov or call (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information Collection Request Title: The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program Reconciliation Tool OMB No. 0915-0342 – Extension

Abstract: The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program, authorized by Section 340H of the Public Health Service Act, was established by Section 5508 of Public Law (P.L.) 111–148. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-123) provided continued funding for the THCGME Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act extends funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 for the first two months of FY 2021 (until November 30, 2020).

THCGME program awards payment for both direct and indirect expenses to support training for primary care residents in community-based ambulatory patient care settings. Direct medical expense payments are designed to compensate eligible teaching health centers for those expenses directly associated with resident training, while indirect medical expense payments are intended to compensate for the additional costs of training residents in such programs.

A 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2020, vol. 85, No. 14; pp. 3696-97. There were no public comments.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: THCGME program payments are prospective payments, and the statute provides for a reconciliation process, through which overpayments may be recouped and underpayments may be adjusted at the end of the fiscal year. This data collection instrument will gather information relating to the number of resident full-time equivalents in Teaching Health Center training programs in order to reconcile payments for both direct and indirect expenses.

Likely Respondents: The likely responders to the THCGME Reconciliation Tool are THCGME program award recipients.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining

information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden - Hours

| Form Name | Number of Respondents | Number of Responses per Respondent | Total Responses | Average Burden per Response (in hours) | Total Burden Hours |
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| THCGME Reconciliation Tool | 58 | 1 | 58 | 2 | 116 |
| Total | 58 | | 58 | | 116 |

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